



**1045<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

**8:00PM Wednesday, April 23, 2003**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St. at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. San Francisco

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Please join us at our next meeting to hear *Elliot Wehner* speak about the Free Silver Movement and the election of 1896.

**1044<sup>th</sup> Meeting February 26, 2003** “Coins of the Gallic Empire and Postumus 260 - 268 AD” *Rick Webster*  
(reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Rick Webster presented a satisfying program on the Gallic Empire in the late third century A.D. Rick gave us a detailed view of the various usurpers, generals, and temporary leaders of the late Roman Empire during this violent time. Needless to say, if you were a general, an Emperor, or a pretender to the throne, your fate depended almost entirely on how strong your following within the military might be. If one had a significant military force behind those ambitions, a revolt might succeed; at least for a period of time. If not, the usurper met his fate rather quickly. East and West empires were created, expanded, shrunk, and were replaced. The frontier of the Roman Empire ranged from North Africa through Gaul (France) and Spain to Britain, and to Syria and Egypt. Usurpers rose and fell and emperors from Postumus to Aurelian to Probus to Carausius gained power and fell away.

Rick's coins illustrating his talk were tangible reminders of this turbulent period and reflected the events chronicled in his talk quite vividly.

#### **Fourth CSNA educational symposium**

The Society will again be hosting the CSNA educational symposium in Northern California. The event will return to Fort Mason in San Francisco on Saturday, October 4, 2003. So far, three distinguished numismatists have agreed to speak. They are Judy Kagin (Continental currency), Ben Damsky (ancient coins) and Ruth Phillips (Tagus Ranch Tokens). A fourth speaker is actively being sought at the moment.

#### **Sponsors and Donors**

The Society acknowledges several generous donations. The following members are Sponsors of the Society:

*Jerry F. Schimmel*

*Frank Strazzarino*

*Rick Webster*



We have also received donations of raffle material from *Ken Takahashi*, *Rick Webster*, and *Jerry Schimmel*. Members are encouraged to contact the raffle chairman, *Herb Miles*, if they wish to make additional donations for the raffle.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to *Elliot Wehner*, who has received a full scholarship from the American Numismatic Association to attend the ANA summer seminar in June. Last year, he received a similar Young Numismatist scholarship from the California State Numismatic Association.

### **Exhibits**

*Mark Wm. Clark* brought a plastic keychain given away at the recent ANA show in Charolotte, South Carolina that he promptly gave to *Gordon Donnell*.

*Cal Rogers* visited a local token show recently and to his delight found a medal/token featuring the first scheduled commercial "Airboat" flight between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida beginning in January of 1914 through April 1914 before the venture became bankrupt. Cal also discovered a cent rolling machine on a recent visit, rolled a cent, and brought it along to give to *Gordon*!

*Gordon Donnell* brought some woods to share, a flat from the California Exonumist Society dated 8/10/1963 noting their Hospitality Room, a CSNA wood, and #170 of the Poway Coin Club Mint Set of 6 woods, plus two Reno, Nevada tokens won at the token show auction.

*Jerry Schimmel* exhibited some "silver coins" found in San Francisco's Chinatown, some Nam Fong tokens, perhaps from around 1932-33 at 838 Jackson Street and believed to be gambling tokens because each is shaped differently to distinguish differing values, and he also brought a Hung Yick "good for 2 cigars" token from around 1919.

*Herb Miles* exhibited a large aluminum token (silver dollar size) minted by the American Anti-slavery Society, a group founded in Philadelphia in 1833 by William Lloyd Garrison and explained that Garrison was so radical that later members of this society broke away to found a different anti-slavery society that was more peaceful.

*Ken Takahashi* displayed a Chile copper trial piece from the 1830s of an 8 Escudos.

*Michael Wehner*, bourse chairman at the recent token show, revealed that he attended the latest ANA show in Charlotte, South Carolina after being east on business and saw many of our numismatic friends. He noted as well that an impulse purchase, a 1776 Delaware Colonial 4 Shillings note signed by John McKinley, a later governor of the Delaware.

*Rick Webster* spoke about his Gallic Empire coins, explaining the important features of obverses and reverses and how the emperors promoted themselves sometimes by the gods, captives, galleys, or monuments portrayed.

*Larry Reppeteau* brought some interesting Franklin Mint silver medals honoring St Patrick. These pieces were minted from 1972-74 and there are three different strikings made for first day covers. Larry mentioned that the silver used came only from Ireland so the metal traveled extensively before arriving in his collection, i.e., silver mined in Ireland, taken to the Franklin Mint in the United States, made into medals and returned to Ireland, sold to the gentleman whose address appears on the cover (Norway, I believe!) and finally coming to Larry! He also brought along the last pound/shillings/pence set of Irish coins and the first set of decimal coins.

*Sarah Nordin* brought her long-sought "Convict Love Token" recently purchased from Timothy Millett, the author of a book on the subject. Her token reads "W. Cox/EP/1832" on one side and "Forget Me Not" on the other. E P was probably the initials of Mr. Cox's beloved. These were made by convicts who were shipped to Australia during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries for crimes committed in England where the jails (gaols) were full of debtors and other petty offenders. Per Sarah's research, there were 2 Mr. W. Cox's who shipped out to Australia landing in New South Wales in March and November of 1832 respectively. Further research may provide additional information.

## **Raffle**

A San Francisco 49er 1988-1989 Super Bowl 1 Troy ounce round donated by *Rick Webster* to *Gordon Donnell*.



An 1882 Morgan Silver dollar donated by *Ken Takahashi* went to unlucky *Gordon Donnell*.

A Sterling Silver unissued award medal commemorating the Confederation of Canada of 1867-1927 and donated by *Jerry Schimmel* went to *Gordon Donnell*.

A Montreal, Canada Silver Medal celebrating the "Ecole Nationale D Elocution Francaise" was won by *Frank Strazzarino* (donated by Jerry).

A Canadian silver-plated unissued medal from "Outremont High School" went to *Chris Donaldson* (donated by Jerry).

A Silver medal from Germany honoring Folk Music was won by *Michel Perekrestenko* (donated by Jerry).

A Wells Fargo 2003 Calendar went to *Chris Donaldson* (donated by Jack Free).

A book on "Encased Coins of California" went to *Lori Reppeteau* (donated by Jerry).

## **Dating Tokens with San Francisco Maker Signatures**

*Jerry F. Schimmel*

Here is a list of signatures commonly seen on tokens manufactured by San Francisco diesinkers between 1890 and 1920. It is not a list of all California signatures. For a nearly complete compilation see "Catalogue of California Trade Tokens, Volume Two" by Steve Album (1974) pages 307-309. See also "California Tokens" by Charles V. Kappen (1976) pages xv through xviii.

In some cases, maker names can be narrowed to one or two years. However, there are no rules. Sometimes a span of 20 years occurred between the first and second use of some signatures. If your current dating estimates is off by eight to ten years from the below, you should review your conclusions. Please note that nearly all signatures came with and without periods and hyphens and were occasionally misspelled.

J.C IRVINE & CO. S.F.	1897-1905
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The above were used mostly on pieces larger than 21mm.

IRVINE. S.F.	1900-early 1906
IRVINE	1900-early 1906
Used almost exclusively on 21mm pieces. Very common.	

IRVINE-JACHENS	1909-date.
Mostly before 1915.	

IRVINE W & J	Late 1906-1908
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C.A. KLINKNER CO.	1889-1898
C.A. KLINKNER & CO. S.F	1889-1898
KLINKNER & CO. S.F	1889-1898

Between 1899 and 1906, the Moise firm often used reverse dies bearing a Klinkner signature. The obverses mostly, but not always, carried an L.H. Moise signature.

L. H. MOISE. S.F.	1893-1906
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On tokens larger than 21mm, 1893 to early 1906. Larger, ornate pieces tend to be from the 1890s. 21mm tokens with signature are from 1900 to early 1906.

MOISE S.F	Late 1906-about 1917.
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Mostly before 1912. A common signature.

MOISE-KLINKNER CO. S.F.

There are two varieties. 1) The name Moise was recut over the original "C.A". 1899 only. 2) The signature is uniformly cut. Specimens examined date about 1900 and later about 1911-1912.

MOISE K. CO.	Late 1906-about 1915
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Mostly before 1912. A common signature.

M. K. CO.

Two specimens have been examined. One about 1899, the other about 1911.

PATRICK & CO. S.F.	1899-1920
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Mostly before 1915.



## **Mechanic's Institute Medal** *Michael Wehner*

Precious metal mining was still an important source of California's wealth in the 1890's. The development of more efficient mining equipment was therefore a very important activity. Mr. Frank A. Huntington was a mining engineer who designed many pieces of machinery used in the mining process. He exhibited in at least two of the Mechanic's Institute Industrial Exhibition and won numerous medals which were recently offered for auction on ebay. All were in superb states of preservation. The six medals awarded by the Mechanic's Institute in San Francisco were:

1891 Bronze "Best ore Feeder"

1891 Bronze "Best Dumping Ore Cart"

1891 Silver "Centrifugal Roller Quartz Mill"

1891 Silver "Best Ore Crusher"

1893 Bronze "Best Ore Feeder"

1893 Silver "Quartz Mill In Operation"

He also exhibited in 1891 for the California State Agricultural Society and won a silver medal for "Gandy Belting".



Mechanic's Institute bronze medal awarded in 1891 to F.A. Huntington for "Best Ore Feeder".

## **Auction #12 of the PPIE collection**

**Item 111.** Souvenir Pan featuring Seal Rock in the pan and the city skyline on the handle. Inscription on skillet reads "SAN FRANCISCO WELCOMES THE WORLD / FERRY BUILDING" and on the handle "SAN FRANCISCO 1915". Companion piece to lot #102. Plated pot metal. 7 1/4 inches long. Sold at live auction for \$20

**Item 112** Auxiliary membership card for PPIE Woman's board. Member's name was Mrs. J.F. Kidder, 145 Palomar Street, Ingleside Terrace, San Francisco. Card number 35525 signed by Helen P Sanborn. Sold on ebay for \$32.33

**Item 113** Eight different real photo postcards of the fair. Various scenes including the Tower of Jewels and Palace of Fine Arts. Sold on ebay for \$37.00

**Item 114** Souvenir ticket for the fair on San Francisco Day. A bit of clue from a scrapbook on the reverse. Otherwise excellent condition. Sold on ebay for \$20.56

**Item 115** This item is actually from the other 1915 fair, the Panama California International Exposition in San Diego. A pretty "Roman" vase with red and yellow flowers on either side. About five inches tall. Sold on ebay for \$152.51

**Item 116** Lapel pin. "1915" dark brown. Sale not complete yet.

**Item 117** Booklet with pictures of the 1906 earthquake. A poem at the end. Published by The Advergraph Press, San Francisco. No date, but almost certainly contemporary to the PPIE. Sold at live auction for \$20

**Item 118** Withdrawn.

**Item 119** Picture Book, "Natural Color Studies Panama Pacific International Exposition San Francisco 1915", This large book of colored (!) photographs is in mint condition. Rare in this condition. Sold on ebay for \$22.50

**Item 120** Participant permit ticket book with remaining ticket stubs. These were issued to George Hovey, an electrician for the US Mint. There was a large numismatic exhibit at the fair and the mint made some of the souvenir medals on site. This gentleman likely worked this important exhibit. Sold on ebay for \$228.50